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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(beaven01.001)

5 **Applicant:** Douglas F. Beaven **Confirmation No.:** 2986

Application No: 09/312,740 **Group Art Unit:** 3623

10 **Filed:** 5/14/99 **Examiner:** Tarac, Catherine
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Title: *Processing management information*

15 Commissioner for Patents
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Response to a non-final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Summary of prosecution

Applicant is responding to a first Office action mailed 11/12/2006 in a second RCE. In the Office action, Examiner rejects claims 191-194 and 197-211 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Buteau and claims 195 and 196 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as unpatentable over the combination of Buteau with Official Notice. An important issue with regard to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) is whether "the persons not being specialists in information technology" in the preamble of claim 211 limits the claim. In the following, Applicant is amending dependent claims 191, 192, and 203 to clarify them and is traversing the rejections.

Please amend the claims as follows: